

## The Friday flash !!!!!

Here's some of the latest news from across my desk this past week ..... hope it is helpful to you!

### FREE ONLINE ADOBE/MACROMEDIA SEMINARS FOR EDUCATORS

~from Adobe via Carol Perlinski, Bozeman HS Business Teacher, dated April 30, 2006~

"You won't have to leave your desk to learn about the newest versions of Adobe creative software. Join Adobe Education experts as they conduct free live, online software demonstrations. Learn how gaining proficiency on Adobe software can help your students enter the job market as highly skilled, in-demand employees, and how younger students can begin to explore all their creative possibilities.

These free 60-minute online seminars begin at 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM PDT every Wednesday in May. Some of the featured presentations include: **Adobe Creative Suite 2 Premium**: Creativity starts with an Idea. Discover the benefits of teaching with industry-standard tools used by creative professionals. Students can explore limitless creative possibilities—in reports, publications, websites, presentations, and much more—with Adobe Creative Suite 2 Premium.

**Studio 8**: Build Digital Communication Skills. Discover why Macromedia Studio 8 is the must-have suite for building digital communication skills and flexible learning content. Studio 8 Dreamweaver, Flash Professional 8, Fireworks, and Contribute.

Register today at: <http://direct.adobe.com/r?xcqTvvIElvnTElvIH>.

### WINNERS OF THE MT HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS CHALLENGE, 2006

~from Norm Milliken, Executive Director, MCEE, dated April 11, 2006~

Our sincere CONGRATULATIONS go out to:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners—Melstone High School, Team 17

Kale Eike, Senior  
Adam Weisz, Senior  
Jacob Cooke, Junior  
Teacher: Tamaira Wacker

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winners—Melstone High School, Team 19

Kayla Pinkerton, Junior  
Eric Hjervik, Junior  
Krystina Nygren, Junior  
Teacher: Tamaira Wacker

Way to go, Melstone!!

### MBITE SUMMER UPDATE—AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2006

~from Char Lawrence, President, MBITE, dated May 4, 2006~

"The Montana Business and Information Technology Educators (MBITE) will sponsor a wonderful workshop this coming August. Workshop presenters are three of our very own fantastic Montana business teachers: **Cheryl Graham, Sandy Wood, and Cindy Jones!** This 12-hour workshop you will NOT want to miss! The workshop topics will include Introduction to PC Tablets and the Nifty 50 curriculum, Paintbrush, PhotoShop Elements, and Adobe Illustrator CS2 as a drawing tool. In addition, Cindy Jones will present on the required IT curriculum they have implemented at Flathead High School.

The two-day workshop will be **held at Capital High School in Helena on August 1 & 2, 2006.** Registration cost is \$75. This will include two lunches and the WACOM PC Tablet bundle—retail price is \$117—for you to take back to your school district. Travel expenses, hotel accommodations and any other meals are your responsibility. MBITE membership is required to attend the workshop. If you are already a paid MBITE member—YAHOO! If not, please include an additional \$15 with your registration to pay that membership.

To order enough "bundles" to have in time for the workshop, **we will need email registration confirmation by May 30, 2006.** Attached is a Summer Update Registration form. Please fill it out and email Char no later than May 30—then follow up with your check and registration form by June 10, 2006. We need a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 20 people registered for this to work. **For more information, questions, any additional registration forms, please contact either Char Lawrence at [clawrence@helena.k12.mt.us](mailto:clawrence@helena.k12.mt.us) or Diana Fiedler at [dfiedler@mt.gov](mailto:dfiedler@mt.gov).**

## **BRESNAN INTERNSHIP/SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR MINORITY STUDENTS IN BILLINGS EXTENDED UNTIL MAY 12**

~from Robbin Turner, Regional Director, Emma L. Bowen Foundation, dated May 2, 2006~

"Please be advised that the deadline for the internship/scholarship opportunity with Bresnan Communications (Billings, MT) through the Emma Bowen Foundation, has been extended until Friday, May 12, 2006. An updated application, reflecting the extended deadline, is attached. As a reminder, Bresnan is seeking a candidate interested in business (accounting, finance) or technical operations (computer science, computer engineering) for a multi-year paid internship plus a scholarship for college expenses. **For more information or questions, please contact Robbin Turner at 818-655-5708 or email her at: [r.turner@mptp.com](mailto:r.turner@mptp.com).**"

## **TOBACCO USE PREVENTION FUNDS OFFERED TO SCHOOLS**

~from Official Email from the Montana Office of Public Instruction Linda McCulloch, Superintendent, dated April 17, 2006~

"The Office of Public Instruction is soliciting competitive applications for school-based tobacco use prevention grant dollars. Awards may be granted for a three-year period contingent upon availability of funds. All schools are eligible to apply for grants ranging in size from \$5,000 to \$20,000 based upon student/community population and geographic equitability. The official grant announcement and application will be mailed to school districts this week and will be available on OPI's web site in the near future. The completed application for these competitive grant funds is due Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the collaborative funding is to expand and strengthen the capacity of local education agencies through partnering with students, families, and community organizations to implement, maintain, and/or enhance school-based tobacco use prevention projects. Proposals to establish innovative school-based programs, particularly those that support peer education, to prevent the onset of tobacco use among youth as well as promote cessation among students who are already addicted to tobacco, are strongly encouraged. Applicants that describe joint participation of school, family, and community linkages between school student organizations and local tobacco free coalition/groups are recommended. To obtain a copy of the grant

announcement and application, please visit OPI's Tobacco Use Prevention Program's web site at: <http://www.opi.mt.gov/TobaccoEd>. For more information, call Cheri Seed, OPI Tobacco Education Specialist at 406-444-0785 or email her at [cseed@mt.gov](mailto:cseed@mt.gov).

## **TEACHER TO TEACHER SUMMER WORKSHOPS**

~from Robert Stonehill, dated April 17, 2006~

"The US Department of Education's Teacher-to-Teacher Initiative has opened registration for its free summer workshops: <http://www.t2tweb.us/Workshops/About.asp>. Due to overwhelming feedback and high demand, Teacher-to-Teacher will be offering more workshops for teachers this summer than every before—14 in all! Registration is free of charge. Teachers may be able to earn professional development credit through their district or state for participating."

## **FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITY**

~from Roger Howell, Bleacher Buddies, dated May 2, 2006~

"The photo at the right shows how Bleacher Buddies, a comfortable stadium/bleacher chair, work inside as well as outside.

When a school or club finds an advertiser for Bleacher Buddies, they will receive \$1,000 from us each year the advertiser is in place. We give them the chairs, free of charge, to use as a fund raiser. They can rent the chairs to spectators at their athletic events. This rental income is all theirs and could amount to as much as \$8,000 more per year. It would seem that this program may very well suit student organizations like BPA or DECA. It would be an exercise in a business endeavor that will generate profit as well as experience. Our school profile centers around a minimum of 500 students. However, if other conditions warrant, we will consider smaller schools. Thanks for your consideration.



**For more information, please contact Roger Howell at 866-656-0099 or email him at [chair@bleacherbuddies.com](mailto:chair@bleacherbuddies.com).**

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